

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please revise the specification as follows:

Please amend the specification to add the following paragraphs immediately following the paragraph at page 1, lines 7-14, and before the heading that reads "Field of the Invention."

The present invention relates to subject matter developed pursuant to a Joint Research Agreement between Tularik Inc. and Japan Tobacco, Inc. The Joint Research Agreement was executed by the parties on or about October 21, 1998.

The Joint Research Agreement related, in part, to development of products that regulate leptin gene expression, including products that modulate the PPAR γ receptor. The present invention relates to compounds that modulate the PPAR γ receptor.